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SUMMARY: I HAD AN AMIABLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE VISIT WITH PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN SEPT. 26. ALTHOUGH IT APPEARED TO ME THAT HE WAS STILL NOT ENTIRELY AT EASE IN HIS ROLE AS HEAD OF GOVERNMENT HE HAS EVIDENTLY LEARNED TO LIVE WITH ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. HE SEEMED GENUINELY INTERESTED IN KEEPING U.S.-DANISH RELATIONS ON THEIR PRESENT SATISFACTORY FOOTING AND IN FURTHERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EC-U.S. DIALOGUE. END SUMMARY.
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1. JORGENSEN SAID THAT HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A COMPLETE REPORT ON FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK. HE HAD RECEIVED LONG TELEGRAM FROM ANDERSEN, WHICH HE NOT HAD FINISHED READING, BUT IT SEEMED TO CONSIST ENTIRELY OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRESENTATION TO DR. KISSINGER, WITH NO INFORMATION ON AMERICAN REACTION. WE AGREED THAT INITIAL PRESS ACCOUNTS SEEM TO INDICATE NEW YORK MEETING MADE A GOOD START IN GETTING DIALOGUE UNDERWAY BETWEEN U.S. AND EC.

2. PRIMIN SAID THAT, AS WE KNEW, THERE WERE SOMETIMES DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WITHIN THE NINE. WHEN HE VISITED WILLY BRANDT TWO MONTHS AGO, THEY HAD AGREED ON IMPORT-ANCE OF EMPHASIZING U.S. TIES WITH EUROPE AND HE HAD SUPPORTED THIS VIEWPOINT IN EC DISCUSSIONS. I NOTED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS EVIDENTLY NOT MADE UP HIS MIND YET ABOUT COMING TO EUROPE THIS YEAR, POINTING OUT THAT THERE WERE OTHER PROBLEMS AREAS, SUCH AS THE MIDDLE EAST AND JAPAN, AS WELL AS CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE HIS ATTENTION.

3. JORGENSEN EMPHASIZED HIS VIEW THAT EC WAS INCAPABLE OF DEALING WITH DEFENSE ISSUES, WHICH HAD TO BE HANDLED IN NATO. SOME DAY THE EC MAY DEVELOP SOME DEFENSE CAPA-BILITY, BUT AHT WOULD NOT BE FOR MANY YEARS, AT LEAST.

4. PRIMIN AND I BOTH EXPRESSED OUR HIGH REGARD FOR TRYGVE BRATTELI, AND HE NOTED THAT BRATTELI WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT, ALBEIT A VERY WEAK ONE. HE SAID THAT BRATTELI MAY BE RIGHT IN HIS BELIEF THAT NORWAY WOULD HAVE JOINED EC IF DANISH REFERENDUM HAD TAKEN PLACE FIRST. BRATTELI AND J.O. KRAG HAD NOT BEEN WILLING TO COORDINATE DATES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE REFERENDUMS, HOW-EVER, WHICH UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF CLOSER COOPERATION IF SUCH IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ARISE AGAIN IN FUTURE. HE BELIEVES THAT FAILURE OF NORWEGIAN EC REFERENDUM CON-TRIBUTED TO LARGE PRO-EC MAJORITY IN DENMARK, BECAUSE IT STIMULATED PARTICIPATION BY MANY VOTERS WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE STAYED AT HOME.

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5. PRIMIN SAID HE TALKED TO PRIMIN PALME AT SWEDISH KING'S FUNERAL ON SEPT. 25 AND PALME HAD NOT BEEN VERY COMMUNICATIVE. HE WILL CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO RETAIN OFFICE UNTIL NEW PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLES EARLY NEXT YEAR BUT JORGENSEN FEELS THAT NEW ELECTIONS WILL PROBABLY COME IN SPRING. HE BELIEVES THAT A SOCIAL DEOMOCRATIC COALITION WITH ONE OF BOURGEOIS PARTIES WOULD BE GOOD SOLUTION, BUT DOUBTS THAT IT CAN BE ACHIEVED.

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6. I THANKED PRIMIN FOR DANISH GOVT'S ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING FREQUENT CALLS BY VISITING U.S. NAVY VESSELS. WE AGREED THAT THERE WERE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS AFFECTING U.S.-DANISH RELATIONS AT THIS TIME AND SIGNIFIED OUR JOINT INTENTIONS TO MAINTAIN THIS FAVORABLE SITUATION: WE BOTH REGISTERED RELIEF THAT WAR IN INDOCHINA IS NOW OVER.

7. JORGENSEN SPOKE WITH CONSIDERABLE WARMTH ABOUT HIS MEETING WITH FORMER SECRETARY ROGERS, DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO COPENHAGEN IN JUNE. HE ALSO COMMENTED NOSTALGICALLY ABOUT PLEASANT AND PRODUCTIVE THREE MONTHS HE SPENT AT HARVARD IN 1959, WHERE HE LEARNED A GOOD DEAL ABOUT U.S. LABOR ECONOMICS AND LAW, HE SAID.

8. I CONGRATULATED JORGENSEN ON HIS ELECTION AS CHARIMAN OF SOCIAL DEOMOCRATIC PARTY AT ITS CONGRESS LAST WEEK. ALTHOUGH HE HAD REPUTEDLY BEEN RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT POST, HE MADE IT CLEAR HE WAS VERY PROUD TO BECOME CHARIMAN, WHICH HE POINTED OUT HAD BEEN ON BASIS OF UNANIMOUS VOTE.
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